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Sir:

In response to the final office action of 10/10/01, Applicant offers the following remarks.

The art rejections are respectfully traversed, with further details below.

**Independent claims 17 and 26**

Independent claim 17 recites a first appliance having a first appliance component that is configured to effect a primary function of the first appliance that is independent of security AND a status reporter that is configured to communicate a status of the first appliance via the network. Claim 17 further recites an alarm activation processor, operably coupled to the status reporter, that is configured to receive the status, and to effect an alarm response dependent on the status.